



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant : CHOU  
Application No. : 10/729,980  
Filed : December 9, 2003  
Title : ASSAY SYSTEMS, KITS AND METHODS FOR  
DETECTING MICROORGANISMS  
Group Art Unit : 1645  
Examiner : Dr. Rodney P. Swartz  
Attorney Docket : BHT/3092-397

**MAIL STOP AMENDMENT**

Honorable Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of October 3, 2007, please amend this application as indicated below.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 5.